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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: In the Matter of LightSquared Subsidiary LLC Request for Modification of its Authority for an Ancillary Terrestrial Component; SAT-MOD-20101118-00239

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing today to bring to your attention a company called LightSquared, based here in Reston. LightSquared wants to invest \$14 billion over the next several years, creating 16,000 jobs each year.

LightSquared has brought to my attention their plans to build a national broadband wireless system that would reach most of the United States. This network would be integrated with one of the largest communications satellites in space, providing unique reliability and service amongst wireless carriers.

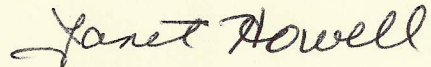
I know that you understand the importance of accessible and affordable broadband service and how it is key in making sure our country is economically competitive. LightSquared has an innovative, well thought out plan to make sure that America has adequate wireless broadband capacity. It has the added advantage of generating jobs through the private sector without tapping into increasingly scarce taxpayer dollars.

I support the Federal Communication Commission's process as well as the ongoing work of the Technical Working Group. LightSquared has been diligent and responsive about addressing any concerns regarding interference raised by the GPS community and most recently, has shown full commitment to ensuring that their network can co-exist with the GPS system.

The FCC should expeditiously finalize approval of LightSquared's service in bringing affordable mobile broadband to all parts of our country. A nationwide wireless broadband network allowing connectivity anywhere would be an important asset to our nation. Additionally, I hope you will consider LightSquared's private investment, job generation as well as their potential to beneficially increase innovation and competition in the wireless market.

Thank you for your consideration on this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Howell".

Janet Howell
Senator